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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a HIV infection in a subject, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of at least one pharmacologically acceptable oligonucleotide at least 30 nucleotides in length, wherein said oligonucleotide has an anti-HIV activity and wherein the anti-HIV activity of said oligonucleotide occurs principally by a sequence independent mode of action.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is a human.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): An antiviral pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one pharmacologically acceptable, antiviral oligonucleotide at least 29 nucleotides in length, wherein said composition is approved for use in humans against HIV and the antiviral activity of said oligonucleotide occurs principally by a non-sequence complementary mode of action; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The antiviral composition of claim 3, adapted for a delivery by oral ingestion.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The antiviral composition of claim 3, adapted for a delivery enterally.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The antiviral composition of claim 3, adapted for a delivery by injection.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The antiviral composition of claim 3, adapted for a delivery by inhalation.

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